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VARELA's plans were for a normal naval command and organization with command positions to be filled by capable and experienced graduate officers. The navy's military activities would consist of maritime actions by naval commandoes, infiltration of commandoes for sabotage activities, naval and aerial attacks on vital points in Cuba, and attacks on merchant vessels which continue to trade with Cuba. (S)(U)

Nicaragua was to create a naval force to be called "Cuerpo de Vigilancia Naval", which was to serve to satisfy the requisites of international law and allow Nicaragua to obtain naval vessels. VAREIA allegedly received from other Central American countries offers of territory for the establishment of bases of operation and training. (S)(U)

On November 13, 1963, ^{EL A, N.Y.} ~~BERNARDO DE TORRES~~, AVBC Military Planner, ^(S) advised JAIME VAREIA CANOSA had been temporarily replaced as President by JUAN JOSE ~~PERUYERO~~. VAREIA asked for a release of responsibility until January of 1964, so he might work at gainful employment during this period of time. (S)(U)

On January 4, 1964, MM T-1 advised a proposed plan had been submitted that the Asociacion and the Junta Revolucionaria Cubana (JURE), led by MANUEL RAY RIVERO, ^{CUBA} form an alliance. (S)(U)

On December 7, 1963, the Executive Committee of the AVBC voted thirteen to one against the alliance. EDUARDO FERNANDEZ, substituting for the regular Financial Secretary LUIS ARRIZURIETA SARDINAS, cast the only vote in favor of the alliance. ARRIZURIETA's absence was allegedly due to (S)(U)

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with the United States Army, has been conferring with United States officials in Washington, D.C., concerning the future of the Brigade. (S)

On January 13, 1964, [BERNARDO DE TORRES advised] (S) he had just returned from New York City, where he had been visiting with [his six-year-old son since December 22, 1963] (S) 7263

(S) [DE TORRES stated] the AVBC was continuing attempts to obtain bases of operation outside the United States. [He stated that] when [he and] the AVBC President, JAIME VARELA [S] CANOSA, returned from a Central American trip in September of 1963, [they were] full of hopes and expectations. [They were] (S) particularly pleased with discussions with former Nicaraguan President LUIS SOMOZA; however, [they have had] no contact (S) with SOMOZA since the trip, and no action has materialized since those conferences in Nicaragua. [DE TORRES now feels] (S) that SOMOZA made promises to [him and] other Cuban exile leaders which will never be fulfilled. (S) (X) (X)

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